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NORMS FOR SUPER FAST TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the super fast trains are adhering to the norms prescribed for them;

(b) if not, the details of cases during last one year where the prescribed norms were not adhered to;

(c) whether the Railways propose to make certain changes in the norms stipulated for the super fast trains;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the steps taken by the Railways to check the tendency of putting additional burden on passengers by conferring the status of super fast trains to mail and express trains without providing and additional amenities or the services; and

(f) the additional revenue generated by the trains due to their enhanced status of super fast trains?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b): Railways make all efforts to ensure that all trains, including superfast trains, run punctually and adhere to norms prescribed for them. However, details, as desired, are not separately maintained.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): Certain trains whose average speed on the entire run in both directions is minimum 55 kmph on broad gauge and 45 kmph on metre gauge are designated as superfast and a nominal surcharge is levied for travel by such trains. The journey time by superfast trains is comparatively less as their average speed on entire run is minimum 55 kmph on Broad Gauge and 45 kmph on Metre Gauge.

(f): Separate data of additional earnings from the levy of superfast surcharge are not maintained by Ministry of Railways.